

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, March 11, 2009, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Edwin Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	Kevin Coyle (representing David Small, Acting Secretary of DNREC)
L. Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer	Lisa Embert (representing Velda Jones-Potter, State Treasurer)
G. Ray Staats	

Absent: William Vanderwende, Joseph Wick, and Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Robin West and Danielle Klosowski.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Mr. Mark Davis, Mr. Michael Brown, Ms. Ellen Magee, Mr. Michael Messick, and Ms. Sarah Timmons.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer and introduced Ms. Sarah Timmons from Wheeler, Wolfenden, Dwares, who presented our audit. The Foundation received the highest level of audit compliance and satisfaction. The State Auditor's Office approved the audit as of March 10, 2009. The audit presentation was moved up to the first item on the agenda to accommodate Ms. Timmons who had additional meetings to attend.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 997 farms in preservation districts totaling 147,090 acres, with a total of 505 farms under agricultural easements totaling 90,935 acres at a cost of \$146,619,248. For PDR 14 there are a total of 141 farms comprising 15,472 acres with a value of \$147,784,153. For PDR 15 there are a total of 54 farms, comprising 3,985 acres, with a value of \$52,263,437. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 33 Areas comprising 2,456 acres. For PDR 14 for Forestland Preservation there is a total of 22 Areas, comprising 2,131 acres, with a value of \$9,293,099.

Michael McGrath instructed staff to put PDR 16 on the Progress Report for the next meeting.

II. Forestland Preservation Areas Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Davis Forestland Preservation Area, F-K-08-12-031D-031. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Davis Forestland Preservation Area, seconded by Ray Staats. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Shaffer Expansion of the Gruwell District, ID#K-08-12-127B. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Shaffer Expansion of the Gruwell District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Messick Expansion of the Vogl District, ID#K-08-11-041L. After discussion, **Ray Staats moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Messick Expansion of the Vogl District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

3. Dean Farm Expansion of the Welch-Schrieber District, ID#K-08-12-196A. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Dean Farm Expansion of the Welch-Schrieber District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

4. Jon Gallo Expansion of the Hanson Agricultural District, ID#K-08-12-044N. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Jon Gallo Expansion of the Hanson Agricultural District, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

5. Bradley Expansion of the Norman G. Wilder District, ID#K-08-12-026J. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Bradley Expansion of the Norman G. Wilder District, seconded by Ray Staats. Motion unanimously approved.**
6. Davis Expansion of the Hering-Lynch District, ID#K-08-12-031D. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Davis Expansion of the Hering-Lynch District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
7. Mast Expansion of the Whitby Farms District, ID#K-08-12-067O. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Mast Expansion of the Whitby Farms District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
8. Ellen Magee Expansion of the Williamsville District, ID#S-08-12-183C. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Ellen Magee Expansion of the Williamsville District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
9. Karen's Expansion of the Elmer-Wink Vanderwende District, ID#S-08-12-149I. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Karen's Expansion of the Elmer-Wink Vanderwende District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
10. JGJ LLC Expansion of the Townsend Tract District, ID#S-08-12-143C. After discussion, **Ray Staats moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the JGJ LLC Expansion of the Townsend Tract District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

Secretary Kee waived the Veto of the Secretary of Agriculture for the above Forestland Preservation Area and District Expansions.

- IV. Public Comments – Mr. Michael Brown asked how much funding is available for PDR 14. Michael Parkowski and Michael McGrath explained the funding situation. Discussion centered on Federal, County and State funding...

- V. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the January 14 and February 18, 2009, minutes. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to approve the January and February minutes, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

- VI. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Summary for the months of January and February, 2009.

Howard informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of January 31, 2009, \$147,290.04 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We also received \$5,049.33 revenue from rollback taxes, with interest for the month of January of \$304.00. Expenditures for the month of January totaled \$44,284.50. The Board was then informed that as of February 28, 2009, \$147,280.04 is in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account, \$304.00 interest was received and expenditures were \$28,844.80 for February. After discussion **Kevin Coyle moved to approve the January and February 2009 financial statements as presented, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

- VII. Executive Session – No executive session was necessary.

VIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on May 13, 2009 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary